

ELLERBE SCHOOL

Locals.

Miss Jaunita O'Brien spent last week-end in Star with relatives. Miss Cola Pool spent Sunday at Jackson Springs with her parents. The many friends of Mrs. Smith are glad to have her home again, after having a serious operation at the Charlotte sanitarium.

Mr. Cam Capel spent last week-end at home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nance, of Troy, spent Sunday in town with Mr. Allen Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hall returned home Sunday night from Ashboro where they spent several days.

Messrs. M. B. and C. F. Wright, of Hamlet, spent Sunday in town with their sister.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Morrice R. Mitchell, a daughter, Grace Anne. Mrs. Mitchell and the baby are in Montclair. They are expected home by January 1st.

Mr. William Jenkins and Miss Eunice Lassiter were happily married last Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. Remous Vuncannon.

The girls auxiliary met at the home of Miss Pauline Bennett on last Saturday evening from 8 until 10 o'clock. After every one had arrived the annual program was held. The number on roll consists of 20 girls, but owing to the rainy night only nine members and three visitors were present. After the program was held they enjoyed a number of games and selections of music. They were then invited into the dining room where they were served with a variety of sandwiches, hot chocolate, cake and apples. They hoped to meet with Miss Thelma Brady just four weeks from that time.

A Birthday Party.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 6th, Frederick, the little son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Maness, entertained a number of his friends, it being his third birthday. The little ones were entertained from 4:30 to 6:30 by several members of the faculty by different amusements, after which they were carried into the dining room and served apple float, angel cake and vanilla milk, which was enjoyed by every one. Later a few of his older friends were carried into the dining room and were served with turkey and salad and other delightful refreshments. They all departed wishing Frederick just lots of happy birthdays.

Hall-Blake.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 6th, at 3 o'clock, Miss Judie

Blake, of Pekin, became the bride of Mr. Clifford Hall, of Ellerbe. A quiet home wedding was at the home of the bride, just a little way from Pekin. The bride was very pretty in a going-away suit of brown. Immediately after the wedding the bride and groom left for Asheboro where they will be for several days. Those attending the wedding from Ellerbe were, Misses Clara Hall, Verlie Williams and Rev. Glossom.

Town News.

Mr. Charles built a wienie stand at the right of the cafe.

The roads are very bad northeast of town. The road force completed claying the road a few days ago, which was followed by a steady rain making it about impassable.

There is a great deal of "flu" in and around Ellerbe.

The well digging is getting along very nicely, having completed one of the six that is to be dug.

Locals.

Mr. "Matilda" Ingram is going out for basketball after warm weather. See Herbert Wallace for hot dogs at the Ellerbe cafe.

Mr. "Countryman" Rankin is back in town with McLeod Bros.

Notice: Anybody that gets John, Jr., Lentz Ford please don't drive through the mud north of Ellerbe.

J. E. Haywood's Toy and Doll Sale now going on. adv

Horse for Sale.

For Sale, a good horse. Will work anywhere. If interested, apply to T. L. Becknell, at New York Bargain House.

Mule for Sale.

For Sale, a good 4-year-old mule, or would exchange for good fresh milk cow or good two-horse wagon. R. B. Davis, Rockingham, Route 5, Box 15.

Dog for Sale

For Sale—One white and liver pointer, 3 years old, well trained, good retriever. First cashier check for \$60.00 gets him. M. J. Terry, Rt. 1, box 34, Hamlet, N. C.

Skirts, plain and sport, all sizes and fabrics, are being sold for 25% discount.—W. E. Harrison & Land Co. advt

Special attention is called to the 1-4 discount sale now going on at the W. E. Harrison & Land Co. Store. advt

REVIEW OF THE COTTON SEASON OF 1922.

No two cotton crops are just alike. The cultivation may be the same, but the seasons vary one year with another. However, if any one season may be favorably compared with that of last year. First, there was excessive rainfall at planting time each year, necessitating much replanting with both crops starting off late. In both May and June there was too much moisture for the good of the plant. In mid-summer of both years droughty conditions prevailed over an extensive area, the length and intensity of which in the Southwest were strikingly similar. In both seasons dryness and heat forced the fruit to early maturity, and the clear open fall weather permitted the gathering and ginning of the crop with unprecedented rapidity.

Early in the year, in spite of the rather discouraging price of cotton, all the indications pointed to a substantial increase in acreage; no doubt the chief incentive being the abundance and cheapness of labor as compared with recent years. The outcome was an increase from 31,678,000 to 34,832,000 acres, or about 10%. The use of fertilizers also showed an increase from 3,089,000 tons to 3,405,000, or about 10%, although all of this was not applied to cotton. According to the Department of Agriculture commercial fertilizer was used on about 33% of the cotton acreage, or on about 11,500,000 acres. North Carolina used fertilizer on 95% of its cotton area, South Carolina on 88%, Georgia on 83%, Florida on 80%, Alabama on 78%, Mississippi on 30%, Tennessee on 25%, Louisiana on 20%, Arkansas on 15%, and Texas on only 2%. Very little was used in Oklahoma, and none in the other States. The increased sales of fertilizer over last year were 175% in Arkansas, 123% in Mississippi, 75% in Texas, 73% in Louisiana, 60% in Alabama, 24% in North Carolina, 15% in Tennessee, and 12% in Florida. Georgia was 5.5%, Virginia 15% and South Carolina 18% below last year.

Briefly reviewing weather conditions during the season, we find that in March continuous rains in all states except Texas and Oklahoma interfered with crops preparations. In the western sections of these States a prolonged drought delayed planting. Rains continued through April, except in the coastal regions of the Carolinas, South Georgia and Southwest Texas, where it was too dry to bring up the seed. During May and June the rainfall was excessive in the greater portion of the

Belt, resulting in one of the most extensive and disastrous overflows ever witnessed along the lower Mississippi river and its tributaries, as well as in the lowlands of Texas. These rains necessitated a large amount of replanting, the crops became grassy, and the plant developed to much limb at the expense of fruit. With such an abundance of rain and dry weather naturally followed. In fact, in the latter part of July droughty conditions began to prevail in Georgia and Alabama, and during August this had spread over a large territory in both of these States as well as Mississippi, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Texas. In the latter States fully 70% of the cotton area was seriously affected. Such were weather conditions during the latter part of the summer that the crop matured very rapidly, much of it prematurely, and with highly favorable weather the Fall picking has continued uninterrupted and a comparatively small amount remains in the fields.

In one other respect—boll weevil devastations—this season is very much like that of last year. The two winters preceding each crop were very mild, and the weevils emerged from hibernation in great numbers. Both crops were attacked early in the season, and both suffered great destruction before cold weather drove the pest from the fields. How much loss of the crop is chargeable to the weevil will never be known, but in some sections, particularly in Texas, the damage was not as great as last year, while in the more recently infested regions it was greater.

How the crop of 1922 was injuriously affected by adverse weather and boll weevils, is well illustrated by the quantitative but tentative estimates put out by the Department of Agriculture during the growing season. Its July estimate was for a crop of 11,065,000 bales of 500 pounds gross. In August the crop had improved and was so promising as to indicate a crop of 11,449,000 bales. The next month, the effects of the drought and weevils reduced the outlook to 10,575,000 bales, and the last report, based on the percentage condition of the crop, lowered this to 10,135,000, which is considerably in excess of the crop indicated by the quantity of cotton ginned to December 1, 9,318,000 bales.

Our final estimate of this crop is 9,990,000 running bales, which is 217,000 in excess of our preliminary estimate made on November 1st. Our estimate of last year's crop was 7,990,000 bales. The final ginning as reported by the U. S. Census in running bales was 7,977,778.

James L. Watkins & Son. New York, Dec. 8, 1922.

NOTICE

SALE OF LAND BY MORTGAGEE.

On Monday, the 8th day of January, 1923, at 12 o'clock M., in front of the court house door of Rockingham county, in the Town of Rockingham, the undersigned mortgagee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described tracts of land, to-wit:

Six certain tracts of land situate on Little Buffalo Creek, containing in all 208 acres more or less and comprising what is known as the B. F. Lowdermilk plantation, said six tracts being bounded on the North by the lands of Frank McAulay, J. A. McAulay and L. P. Byrd, on the East by the lands of L. P. Byrd, on the South by the lands formerly belonging to Maj. Sanders Ingram and others and on the West by the lands of the T. F. Stanback estate and the Frank McAulay lands. For a detailed description of said lands reference is hereby made to the mortgage deed from W. B. Hearn to L. P. Byrd which is duly recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Rockingham County in Book 104, page 322.

The sale of this land is made under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage deed above referred to which was executed by W. B. Hearn to L. P. Byrd on the 5th day of January, 1918, to secure the payment of certain indebtedness in which default has been made; said mortgage being recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Rockingham County in Book 104 at page 322 et seq. This December 7, 1922.

L. P. BYRD, Mortgagee.

COMING TO THE STAR THEATRE

IN

DECEMBER AND JANUARY

"To Have and To Hold."
"The Young Rajah."
"Clarence."
"Fools First."
"Eternal Flames."
"Night Life in Hollywood."
"Back Home and Broke."
"Kick-In."
"A Spanish Cavalier."
"The Innocent Cheat."
"Sonny."
"The Impossible Mrs. Bellew."

Boys' waists and shirts just received.—Dockery-McNair. adv

Every Betty Wales dress on our rack, each of which has an absolute guarantee to the wearer, is now being sacrificed at 25 per cent discount.—W. E. Harrison & Land Co. advt

DERBY DOTS.

(Contributed.)

Our school is again running smoothly after a holiday of Thanksgiving. The two school trucks have been making successful trips in spite of the recent rains. The spirit of co-operation plays an important part in our school and works wonders on the playgrounds.

Mr. J. O. Barnhardt went to Rockingham to enter Derby school in the county athletic association.

There are no cases of influenza in our community, though it is prevalent in the nearby schools.

Rev. Hearie, of New London, conducted services at Jones Spring Baptist church Sunday morning.

Miss Agnes Rummage spent the week-end with Miss Ruth Barnhardt.

Miss Neolia McCrummen spent last week-end at her home in West End.

Mr. R. A. Wade, of Fayetteville, was a guest at the teachers' last Sunday.

Miss Lena Browne spent last week-end with Miss Grada Belle Turner.

Mrs. J. C. Davis and children, of Cumberland, were guests of Mrs. J. O. Barnhardt last Sunday.

Misses Griffin, of Sanford, Bertha Gaddy and Mr. Marvin Poole visited Miss Neolia McCrummen last week.

Misses Ruth and Lois Barnhardt spent Thanksgiving with the Misses Currie.

Land Entry.

North Carolina, Richmond County.

I, W. M. Steen, claim and enter 5 or 6 acres of land more or less, lying and being in Marks Creek Township, Richmond County, North Carolina, bounded as follows: Adjoining the lands of E. P. Pearce, W. R. Land, J. W. Woodard and B. V. Williamson; bounded on the North by lands of E. P. Pearce; on the East by lands of B. W. Williamson; on the South by the lands of E. P. Pearce and W. R. Land, and on the West by lands of J. W. Woodard.

Said land is vacant, unappropriated and subject to entry. Entered this Dec. 12th, 1922.

W. M. Steen

Claimant.

Notice is hereby given that a warrant of survey will be issued on the above entry, unless protest is filed before the undersigned Entry Taker within thirty days from date hereof.

This Dec. 12th, 1922.

R. L. Johnson

Ex-Office Entry Taker.

We handle the National Line of fireworks; our stock is fresh, new goods.—J. E. Haywood's first floor. adv

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES



A Toy Gun Won't Kill an Indian

but it will give your small boy a world of pleasure if you give him one for Christmas.

Air rifles from \$1.00 to \$150.

Teeter-go-rounds.

Disk wheel scooters.

Disk wheel wagons

Kiddie Kars.

Basketballs, footballs, baseballs.

Knives, roller skates, enamelware, etc.

Everett Hardware Company
Rockingham, N. C.

The Christmas Store

Holiday Eats

THAT GIVE YOU THE
HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Bring yourself to this store for a treat. For the holiday week—and especially the Christmas dinner—we will have a supply of foodstuffs that will be a source of great delight to every person who enjoys a good meal that is strong of quality.

Every delicacy you could desire will be on sale at this store of discriminating eats.

If you are one of the few who have not favored us in the past, let us suggest that Christmas time affords you an excellent opportunity for testing us out.

Our supply of Candies, Nuts, Cakes, Etc. is almost unlimited.

E. B. LILES
GROCER